GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:308
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
MINIMUM WAGES FOR CHILD LABOURERS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of child labourers is increasing the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring forward any bill to ensure minimum wages for the child labourers;

(c) whether the Government propose to make any provision to provide compulsory education to these children;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of proposals for different States particularly Madhya Pradesh cleared for setting up of special schools for the child labourers during the last two years; and

(f) the number of child labourers likely to be enrolled in these special schools, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.308 FOR ANSWER ON 19/3/2001 REGARDING MINIMUM WAGES TO CHILD LABOURERS BY DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA.

(a): Authentic figures of child labour in the country are generated by the decennial Census. According to 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children was 13.6 million whereas the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million as per 1991 census.

(b): No, Sir. The provision for extension of minimum wages for working children is already exist for certain occupations under the Minimum Wages Act.

(c) & (d): Government has already introduced a Bill in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1997, to provide universalelementary education to all children.

(e) & (f): Details of proposals cleared for setting up of special schools along with their capacities for child labourers during the last years are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 308 for 19/3/2001.

Name of State	Name of districts (which have been sanctioned Child Labour Projects during last two years)	Number of children to be covered
Madhya Pradesh	Raigarh,	1000
	Gwalior,	2000
	Ujjain	2000
Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad,	2000
	Mahboob Nagar	2000

Karnataka Bangalore Rural District 2000

Orissa Balasore, 2000
Cuttack 2000

Punjab Amritsar, 2000
Jalandhar, 1350
Ludhiana 2000

Rajasthan Tonk, 1000
Jodhpur, 1000
Ajmer, 1000
Alwar 2000

Tamilnadu Tirunelveli 2500

Uttar Pradesh Bulandshahar(Khurja), 2000
Allahabad, 2000
Saharanpur, 2000
Azamgarh, 2000
Kanpur Nagar 2000

West Bengal Murshidabad, 2000
Calcutta 2000